Demonstrations Impacting Critical Infrastructure – Evergreen Media Lines

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Overarching Key Messages

- The Federal Government is very concerned about the illegal occupations occurring across the country. We understand that Canadians are frustrated with the pandemic and they are tired but this is no excuse to act illegally to try and force things to change. This is not how a democratic country works.
- We have worked very closely with the Provincial and Territorial leaders, public health officials and Canadians across this country over the past two years to try to protect us from the health, social and economic impacts of COVID on all of us. This has not been easy and it has quite frankly been exhausting.
- What we are now seeing is unfortunately a very real demonstration of this frustration and exhaustion, but illegal actions are not the answer.
- We are seeing the images of our capital city across the country and internationally that call into question our ability to keep the peace and keep our citizens safe – this is unacceptable.
- It is very important for Canadians and our international partners to understand this - the business of governing the country continues. The presence of these trucks and illegal occupiers in the streets of the City of Ottawa will not deter us from continuing our work in Parliament daily on behalf of Canadians.
- We are seeing the blockades in Coutts Alberta and on the Ambassador Bridge that are resulting in very real economic instability not only for these cities, but for all Canadians as our supply chain is impacted and our economy suffers. The impact of these illegal economic blockades goes well beyond our borders.
- As the Federal Government, we will continue to work with the Provincial leaders and their teams, as well as municipal leaders to support them in enforcing the law and to bring these illegal occupations to an end.

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- We want to thank all the members of law enforcement who are responding to the convoys, in particular the members of the RCMP who have been adding resources where appropriate and as much as possible to support local law enforcement with enforcing public safety.
- Across this country we recognize and sympathize with the challenges the citizens of these cities have faced because of these illegal actions, as well as the sacrifices made by all Canadians throughout this pandemic.
- We urge all of those who are engaging in these unlawful activities to think about the people you are hurting and stop.
- For those of you thinking of joining these illegal protests, we strongly suggest that you reconsider. We are calling on everyone to not jeopardize public peace or endanger yourselves or others by participating in purposefully illegal activities. There will be consequences for all criminal behavior related to the ongoing situations in Ottawa and across the country.
- On COVID, we have learned a lot from science throughout this pandemic and we will continue to rely on the advice of our public health specialists in the coming weeks and months to help us chart our next course to deal with these challenges as we look to live with COVID.
- We share your hope that we will quickly come through this pandemic and return to a life of normalcy and go about our business and engage in things that make life in Canada so important.
- These illegal actions simply take time, energy, and focus away from the important work that is needed to chart this course.

If asked about changes to Canada Labour Code to include vaccine mandates for interprovincial travel of truckers:

- We continue to learn more each day about this virus. As Dr. Tam indicated last week, we will need to find a more sustainable way to deal with the pandemic.
- Existing health policies and associated measures will continue to be reviewed and amended based on what we have learned.
- The approach will continue to be refined by working with our provincial and territorial partners.

Si on insiste sur les changements au Code canadien du travail pour ajouter des mandats de vaccins pour les camionneurs qui se déplacent entre les provinces :

- Nous en découvrons plus sur ce virus tous les jours. Comme la Dre Tam l'a dit la semaine passée, nous devons trouver une façon plus durable pour vivre avec.
- Les politiques et les mesures sanitaires existantes continueront d'être évaluées et modifiées selon les informations que nous recevons.
- Nous peaufinons cette approche continuellement en travaillant avec nos partenaires provinciaux et territoriaux.

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Key Messages

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) recognizes border disruptions affect both travellers and industry and is working collaboratively with law enforcement partners to restore normal border operations at affected ports of entry (POE) as quickly as possible. The Agency is also continuously monitoring changes in demand at identified alternate POEs and is allocating

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resources, adjusting staffing levels and hours of service (if needed) at these POEs to minimize processing times and potential delays. The CBSA would like to thank all travellers for their collaboration and patience.

- For information related to blockades or disruptions on roads and highways surrounding a port of entry, please contact the police of jurisdiction for details. For questions related to entry to the United States (U.S.), please reach out to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection directly.

- It is important to note that CBSA ports of entry are secure controlled areas that must not be accessed by anyone not in the process of crossing the border. It is an offence under the *Customs Act* to hinder the ability of a border services officers while they conduct their work.

MANITOBA:

- While the Emerson, Manitoba POE remains open, travellers should expect delays due to protest activities in the area. To help keep travellers and trade moving, the CBSA recommends the use of neighbouring ports of entry for all travellers, including trade and commercial carriers. Please note that not all ports of entry can accommodate commercial traffic. Travellers can consult the Directory of CBSA Offices and Services to confirm hours and availability of service at the nearest alternate POEs.

ALBERTA:

- While the Coutts, AB POE remains open, there is no traveller access due to a demonstration that has created a blockade immediately north of the border crossing. To help keep travellers and trade moving, the CBSA encourages the use of neighbouring ports of entry for all travellers, including trade and commercial carriers. Please note that not all ports of entry can accommodate commercial traffic. Travellers should consult the Directory of CBSA Offices and Services to confirm hours and availability of service at alternate POEs. Companies importing livestock can contact the National Import Service Centre - Canadian Food Inspection Agency (canada.ca) to help determine where else the driver might be able to cross with their load.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO:

  - The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) can confirm that demonstrations have caused the temporary closure of Canada bound traffic at the Ambassador Bridge port of entry (POE). Until further notice, the CBSA encourages travellers to consider the following alternate ports of entry to cross the border:
    - REGULAR TRAVELLERS: Windsor-Detroit Tunnel
    - COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: Sarnia (Blue Water Bridge)

- The CBSA is currently processing travellers entering Canada at the Fort Erie (Peace Bridge) and Queenston Lewiston Bridge with minimal delays.

- Please note, travellers may still experience delays due to traffic that is being rerouted to the alternate ports of entry.

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- Travellers can also consult the Directory of CBSA Offices and Services to confirm hours and availability of service at additional POEs. Please note that not all ports of entry can accommodate commercial traffic. Wait times at select land ports of entry, including the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel and Sarnia (Blue Water Bridge) are available on the CBSA's website.

- When service is interrupted or has resumed, the media and the public will be made aware via our regional Twitter accounts:
    - Atlantic Region (@CanBorderATL)
    - Quebec Region (@CanBorderQUE)
    - Northern Ontario Region (@CBSANOR)
    - Greater Toronto Area Region (@CanBorderGTA)
    - Southern Ontario Region (@CanBorderSOR)
    - Prairie Region (@CanBorderPRA)
    - Pacific Region (@CanBorderPAC)

If pressed on wait times at POEs due to rerouting of traffic - general:

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) can confirm that there are currently significant delays in processing commercial trucks at the XX POE due to rerouting of traffic from POEs affected by the demonstrations. We can tell you that the CBSA is actively monitoring service demand at the alternate POEs and may allocate resources and adjust hours of service if required to minimize processing times and potential delays.

If pressed on wait times not posted online at alternate POEs for Coutts:

- Although wait times at select land ports of entry, including Coutts, AB and North Portal, SK, are available on the CBSA's website, the CBSA does not report on wait times at Regway, SK, Del Bonita, AB, Carway, AB, Roosville, BC or Kingsgate, BC. What we can tell you is that the CBSA is actively monitoring service demand at the alternate POEs and may allocate resources and adjust hours of service if required to minimize processing times and potential delays.

If pressed on staffing:

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is always monitoring changes in demand for service and adjusts its operational posture at the border accordingly. The CBSA is prepared to allocate resources and adjust staffing levels at alternate ports of entry to minimize processing times and potential delays as required.
- I can also confirm that CBSA employees are safe and are able to report to and from the workplace as necessary.

If pressed on information related to the protesters and/or blockades themselves:

- Please follow-up with the police of jurisdiction directly on questions relating to the protesters/blockades as they are taking place outside of CBSA property.

Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)

MANDATE

- CSIS is a civilian security intelligence service mandated to investigate threats to Canada's national security as defined in the *CSIS Act.* The *CSIS Act* specifically excludes lawful protest from the definition of threats to the security of Canada, unless it involves a defined threat activity, such as serious acts of violence.

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- CSIS's mandate is only engaged when a threat falls within the definition of threats to the security of Canada. This would include individuals or groups who show indications that they are mobilizing to or supporting serious violence, or undertaking efforts to undermine Canada's safety and security.

- CSIS works pro-actively with the RCMP, the Department of Justice and the Public Prosecution Service of Canada to align operational efforts, and seek solutions in the interest of public safety. Indeed, we have a duty to share threat-related information within the Government of Canada in order to mitigate risks to public safety.

- In addition, CSIS works closely with its domestic and international partners on understanding the evolution of the threat environment so that it is positioned to provide assessments and advice to support actions, including by law enforcement where appropriate.

COVID-19 & IMVE

- COVID -19 has had a profound impact on our country and the world. This uncertain environment is ripe for exploitation by threat actors seeking to advance their own interests.

- The Canadian Security Intelligence Service takes very seriously the threats posed by individuals who engage in religiously, politically or ideologically motivated violent extremism. CSIS is aware of how conspiracy theories have the potential to inspire individuals to take violent extremist actions and major global events such as the pandemic, can augment extremist efforts to move their message into the mainstream of society.

- Ideologically motivated violent extremism (IMVE) is often driven by a range of grievances and ideas from across the ideological spectrum. The resulting worldview consists of a personalized narrative which centres on an extremist's willingness to incite, enable and / or mobilize to violence. Extremists draw inspiration from a variety of sources including books, images, lectures, music, online discussions, videos and conversations.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated xenophobic and anti-authority narratives, many of which may directly or indirectly impact national security considerations. Violent extremists continue to exploit the pandemic by amplifying false information about government measures and the virus itself on the Internet.

- Some violent extremists view COVID-19 as a real but welcome crisis that could hasten the collapse of Western society. Other extremist entities have adopted conspiracy theories about the pandemic in an attempt to rationalize and justify violence. While aspects of conspiracy theory rhetoric are a legitimate exercise in free expression, online rhetoric and activities that encourage violence are of increasing concern.

- To that end, we have seen a combination of misinformation and disinformation pollute the global information environment. This manipulation and propagation of information can erode

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confidence in our democratic values, institutions, and polarize societies while undermining trust in our democratically elected governments.

- Threat actors have access to a wealth of information online and we have seen a surge in violent extremist content proliferating in that environment. Propaganda is easily disseminated using both mainstream and alternative media and social media platforms. Many of these platforms can be used anonymously or leverage encryption technologies to enable threat actors to conceal their identity and evade detection by law enforcement and security agencies, while spreading their message, inciting violence and recruiting link-minded individuals.

- Canadians can rest assured that CSIS understands the unique conditions the pandemic has created and their impact on national security. Indeed, CSIS's mission remains the protection of Canada's national security and the safety of Canadians and it is essential that we are always positioned to carry out that critical mission. As such, CSIS's offices remained open throughout the pandemic, and we continued and will always continue to investigate threats to our national security, advise the Government of Canada and reduce threat activities through our lawful mandate to ensure we remain safe.

PROTEST SPECIFIC

- While the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly is an important part of our democracy, individuals are not justified in breaking the law or engaging in violence. CSIS supports the City of Ottawa and the enforcement actions being taken by the Ottawa Police Service, and their law enforcement partners.

- CSIS continues to closely monitor the evolving threat posed by ideologically motivated violent extremists and can employ a variety of national security tools currently at its disposal where appropriate.

- We are also guarding against other threats to Canada's national security such as foreign interference. With respect to foreign sources of funding, CSIS' mandate is engaged when funds are provided at the direction of or with the support of a foreign state and; when those donating the money are doing so to support an act of serious violence or terrorism.

- The current situation remains fluid and CSIS will continue to monitor the situation and address, if necessary, activities that constitute threats to the security of Canada under the *CSIS Act*.

- CSIS will also continue to work closely with security and intelligence partners to assess threats from the protests and will engage law enforcement to provide advice and assessments to support actions, where appropriate.

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Department of National Defense / Canadian Armed Forces (DND/CAF)

- The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) is not providing any military equipment or personnel for this situation and there are no plans for such CAF involvement.
- Any questions regarding federal support should be referred to Public Safety Canada.

Industry, Science, and Economic Development (ISED)

- The **blockade of the Ambassador Bridge is costing families on both sides of the border** between $300M to $400M a day in lost trade. The jobs and incomes of literally tens of thousands of Canadian families are being affected by this illegal action.
- **Our auto workers have been among the hardest hit**.
- **Fiat-Chrysler Canada has been forced to slow down production** at its Windsor plant because it cannot get the parts it needs. **Five-thousand workers** have been temporarily laid off as a result.
- Ford has **idled its engine plant** in Windsor and **cut production in half** at its car plant in Oakville. Until this blockade started, the workers at the Ford Oakville plant would do a full eight-hour shift. That's down to 4 hours now because of the blockade.
- **Toyota Canada has stopped production entirely** for the rest of the week.
- Honda Canada has **shut down their plant in Alliston** – affecting the 2,000 employees who normally work there.
- And it isn't just the automobile industry. The forestry industry has been hit hard, with drivers having to make runs hundreds of kilometres out of the way. **One company told us they have 10 truckloads of product stuck at the border**, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- And we are now hearing from our Canadian steel producers too – they tell us that their **costs are rising**, and they are **missing shipments to customers**.
- Every day **7,000 trucks cross at Windsor**. That's $100 billion a year in goods. **Blocking that trade has severe consequences for families** all across this country.

Public Safety Canada (PS)

GOC Role in Emergency Management / le rôle du COG en matière de gestion des urgences

- The Government Operations Centre (GOC) is responsible for coordinating the Government of Canada's response to emergency events including natural disasters, human induced events and situations that affect the national interest.
- *Le Centre des opérations du gouvernement est responsable de la coordination de l'intervention du gouvernement du Canada lors des événements d'urgence, notamment les catastrophes naturelles, les événements d'origine humaine et les situations qui touchent l'intérêt national.*

- Role of the GOC / Rôle du COG
    - Provide national-level situational awareness to partners and to senior decision makers
    - *Faire l'état de la situation au niveau national aux partenaires et aux décideurs supérieurs*

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    - Provide 24/7 monitoring for government and in support of partners' mandates
    - *Exercer une surveillance 24 heures sur 24 pour le gouvernement afin de soutenir le mandat des partenaires*

    - Ensure whole-of-government response capability
    - *Assurer la capacité de l'intervention pangouvernementale*

- The GOC monitors and reports on current or potential threats on a 24/7 basis, providing national-level situational awareness, integrated risk assessments, and response plans in collaboration with federal departments, provincial and territorial governments, and partners.
- *Le COG surveille et fait rapport des menaces actuelles et possibles 24 heures sur 24, présente un rapport de la situation au niveau national, fait l'évaluation intégrée des risques etdes plans d'intervention en collaboration avec les ministères fédéraux, les gouvernements provinciaux et territoriaux et les autres partenaires.*

- The GOC is ready to respond to any situation, at any time. Its all-hazards approach to planning, response and support means the Government of Canada can adapt quickly, under any circumstance, when a province or territory asks for help.
- *Le COG est prêt à répondre en toute situation, en tout temps. Son approche « tous risques » en matière de planification, d'intervention et de soutien permet au gouvernement du Canada de s'adapter rapidement, lorsqu'une province ou un territoire demande de l'aide, peu importe les circonstances.*

- The GOC maintains awareness of a wide range of issues that could affect the safety and security of Canadians at home and abroad. It gathers and shares information under the authority of the *Emergency Management Act* and the *Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Act*.
- *Le COG surveille constamment un large éventail d'enjeux qui pourraient avoir des répercussions sur la sécurité des Canadiens au pays et à l'étranger. Il recueille des renseignements et les diffuse sous l'autorité de la Loi sur la gestion des urgences et la Loi sur le ministère de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile.*

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

- Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is working with our partners within the federal government, the Parliamentary Protective Service, the National Capital Commission, Ville de Gatineau and the City of Ottawa to protect national monuments and our buildings, as well as to provide logistical support during the Freedom Convoy Protests in Ottawa.

- The safety and security of workers on Parliament Hill remains a top priority for Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC). PSPC and the Parliamentary Protective Service made the decision on January 28 to close the Centre Block construction site due to the ongoing protest taking place in Ottawa. The site remains closed and PSPC is monitoring the situation in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service, the House of Commons, the Senate of Canada, and the Library of Parliament, and will adjust our activities, as needed.

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- As part of this work, PSPC has installed temporary fencing at the National War Memorial, the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument and the Monument to Canada Fallen (Korean War Monument) at Confederation Park and numerous barriers at various points of entry.

- Additionally, at the request of the City of Ottawa, PSPC has provided overflow parking as required in order to help alleviate congestion in the downtown core.

- Out of an abundance of caution, PSPC has also extended lane closures on the Alexandra Bridge and the Macdonald-Cartier bridges over the upcoming days.

- We continue to monitor the situation closely.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

KEY MESSAGES:

- The RCMP respects the right of everyone to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

- The RCMP acts to preserve the peace and maintain public safety, within its jurisdiction.

- The RCMP recognizes the rights of the general public, all road users, local residents and businesses to a safe environment.

- The RCMP and Police of Jurisdictions' role is to ensure public safety and to keep the peace.

- Open communication, a reasoned and tempered approach, and the proper use of police discretion guide RCMP responses to major events.

- The RCMP asks everyone to be patient and respectful of each other despite potential inconvenience.

MESSAGES CLÉS :

- La GRC respecte le droit de tous à la libre expression et au rassemblement pacifique.

- La GRC intervient pour maintenir la paix et assurer la sécurité publique dans les territoires qui relèvent de sa compétence.

- La GRC reconnaît que le grand public, les usagers de la route, les résidents et les commerces locaux ont droit à un environnement sécuritaire.

- Le rôle de la GRC et des services de police compétents est d'assurer la sécurité publique et de maintenir la paix.

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- Les interventions de la GRC en cas d'incident majeur se fondent sur une communication ouverte, sur une approche rationnelle et modérée et sur l'exercice de la discrétion voulue.

- La GRC demande à tous de faire preuve de patience et de respect envers les autres malgré les inconvénients que la situation peut causer.

ON PROTESTS:

- The RCMP acknowledges the Charter right to protest peacefully, however we do have a requirement to do due diligence to ensure there are no threats or concerns for public safety. As Canada's national police force, the RCMP uses various technical investigative tools and methods to lawfully obtain information or evidence in order to protect Canadians. To maintain the integrity of investigations, we do not disclose specific techniques or tools used in the course of a particular investigation.

- The right to peaceful, safe and lawful protest, and freedom of expression, are important parts of Canada's democracy.

- The RCMP acts to preserve the peace and maintain public safety, within its jurisdiction.

- Our goal for any protest or demonstration is to utilize a measured approach. Extensive efforts are taken to engage with all stakeholders in the hopes that a peaceful resolution can be reached.

- The RCMP will use only the level of intervention necessary to ensure the safety of all citizens and to maintain peace, order, and security. The use of force is always a last resort.

Au sujet de la manifestation :

- La GRC reconnaît le droit de manifester pacifiquement qui est garanti par la Charte, mais elle doit s'acquitter de son obligation de diligence raisonnable et s'assurer qu'il n'existe aucune menace ou préoccupation pour la sécurité publique. En tant que service de police national, la GRC utilise divers outils et méthodes d'enquête techniques pour obtenir légalement de l'information ou des éléments de preuve afin de protéger les Canadiens. Dans le souci de préserver l'intégrité des enquêtes, nous ne donnons aucune information sur les techniques ou outils utilisés dans le cadre d'une enquête particulière.

- La liberté d'expression et le droit de manifester pacifiquement, légalement et en toute sécurité constituent des aspects importants de la démocratie canadienne.

- La GRC intervient pour maintenir la paix et assurer la sécurité publique dans les territoires qui relèvent de sa compétence.

- Notre objectif à l'égard de toute manifestation est d'utiliser une approche mesurée. D'importants efforts sont déployés pour collaborer avec tous les intervenants dans l'espoir de régler la situation de façon pacifique.

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- La GRC n'exercera que le niveau d'intervention nécessaire pour protéger les citoyens et pour maintenir la paix, l'ordre et la sécurité. L'emploi de la force est toujours une solution de dernier recours.

ABOUT POTENTIAL TRAFFIC DELAYS:

- Protest activities may interrupt the normal flow of traffic. The RCMP and Police of Jurisdiction are working with those involved to minimize the impact on the traveling public and to ensure order and public safety.

- The RCMP objective in policing any road closures / blockades is to work to restore the orderly flow of traffic in the safest manner possible.

- Members of the public are encouraged to check for road closure information and monitor local media for information and alternate routes.

Au sujet des ralentissements possibles de la circulation :

- Les activités liées à la manifestation pourraient perturber la circulation. La GRC et les services de police compétents collaborent avec les intervenants concernés afin de réduire le plus possible les répercussions sur les gens qui se déplacent et afin de maintenir l'ordre et la sécurité publique.

- L'objectif de la GRC, quand elle doit intervenir dans une situation où des routes sont fermées ou bloquées, est de rétablir une circulation ordonnée de la façon la plus sécuritaire possible.

- Les membres du public sont encouragés à effectuer des recherches pour obtenir de l'information au sujet des fermetures de routes et de suivre les médias locaux afin d'obtenir de plus amples renseignements et des routes alternatives.

ENFORCEMENT / THREATS / VIOLENCE / ILLEGAL ACTIVITY:

- The RCMP and Police of Jurisdictions calls on everyone involved, including residents, not to jeopardize public peace or endanger anyone, and not to participate in purposefully illegal events.

- The RCMP and Police of Jurisdictions will act to preserve the peace, maintain public/traffic safety and investigate criminal wrongdoing, in accordance with its legislated responsibilities and in the best interests of all involved.

- Only the level of intervention necessary is used to ensure the safety of all citizens/road users and to maintain peace, order and security. The use of force is always a last resort.

- The proper use of police discretion is a valid, appropriate approach to de-escalating situations. The proper exercise of police discretion should not be confused with lack of enforcement. Police may wait for a lower-risk opportunity to arrest offenders rather than inflame a situation.

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- Violence will not be tolerated. The RCMP along with Police of Jurisdictions will respond to unlawful events in an appropriate and professional manner.

Au sujet de l'application de la loi / des menaces / des actes de violence / des activités illégales :

- La GRC et les services de police compétents appellent tous les intervenants à ne pas menacer l'ordre public, à ne mettre personne en danger et à ne pas participer à l'exécution intentionnelle d'actes illégaux.

- La GRC et les services de police compétents interviendront pour maintenir la paix, assurer la sécurité tant publique que routière et enquêter sur les activités criminelles, en conformité avec leurs responsabilités en vertu de la loi et dans l'intérêt de toutes les parties concernées.

- Le niveau d'intervention se limite aux mesures nécessaires pour protéger les citoyens et les usagers de la route et pour maintenir la paix, l'ordre et la sécurité. L'emploi de la force est toujours une solution de dernier recours.

- L'exercice de la discrétion voulue est une méthode valide et appropriée que la police peut employer pour désamorcer des situations. Toutefois, il ne faut pas confondre exercice de discrétion voulue et absence d'intervention. La police peut décider d'attendre que les risques diminuent avant de procéder à des arrestations pour éviter de jeter de l'huile sur le feu.

- Aucun acte violent ne sera toléré. La GRC et les services de police compétents réagiront aux activités illégales de manière appropriée et professionnelle.

ABOUT EXPECTED CONDUCT OF POLICE OFFICERS:

- Public trust is essential for the RCMP to effectively fulfill its mandate. As a result, RCMP employees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that meets the rightfully high expectations of Canadians. This includes acting with integrity, fairness and impartiality, and avoiding any potential conflicts between their professional responsibilities and private interests.

- Both on and off-duty, members are required to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

- Contraventions of the Code of Conduct are taken seriously and the RCMP is committed to handling conduct issues in a timely, efficient and fair manner.

Au sujet de la conduite attendue des policiers (de la part des Communications générales) :

- La GRC doit absolument avoir la confiance de la population pour pouvoir remplir efficacement son mandat. Ses employés doivent donc se conduire de manière conforme aux attentes élevées qu'ont à juste titre les Canadiens, notamment en agissant avec intégrité, équité et impartialité, et en évitant tout conflit potentiel entre leurs responsabilités professionnelles et leurs intérêts personnels.

- Qu'ils soient de service ou non, les membres sont tenus de respecter le code de déontologie de la GRC.

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- La GRC prend très au sérieux les contraventions au code de déontologie et s'emploie résolument à gérer les affaires disciplinaires en temps opportun, et avec efficacité et équité.

RCMP SUPPORT TO THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE

- We can confirm that the RCMP is providing around-the-clock support and assistance to the Ottawa Police Service, who continue to hold the operational lead and jurisdiction in regards to the ongoing demonstrations in Ottawa.

- RCMP members stationed in the NCR are being leveraged. Members from our Divisions in Ontario and Quebec are also being deployed. The exact number will fluctuate based on identified need and any operational developments.

- To ensure the safety of our members and of the public, we do not disclose information pertaining to the specific number of members engaged, their locations, nor operational or tactical details.

- The RCMP has also been providing operational support via its National Capital Region Command Centre, which enables efficient and real-time operational coordination between all NCR law enforcement and security partners.

- The RCMP is closely monitoring the situation and we are in a constant state of preparedness, with scalable resources available as and when needed.

- For additional questions related to operational and enforcement plans for the demonstrations, please contact the Ottawa Police Service.

APPUI DE LA GRC AU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA

- Nous pouvons confirmer que la GRC offre de l'appui et de l'aide 24 heures sur 24 au Service de Police d'Ottawa, qui continue à mener du point de vue opérationnel et de juridiction en ce qui a trait aux démonstrations continues à Ottawa.

- Les membres de la GRC qui sont postés au sein de la RCN sont utilisés. Les membres de nos Divisons en Ontario et au Québec sont également déployés. Le nombre exact de membres fluctuera dépendamment des besoins identifiés et des développements opérationnels.

- Afin d'assurer la sécurité de nos membres et du public, nous n'offrirons pas de renseignements relatifs au nombre spécifique de membres déployés, ainsi qu'à leur emplacement, et nous n'offrirons aucun détails opérationnels ou tactiques.

- La GRC offre également de l'appui opérationnel par l'entremise de son Centre de commandement de la Région de la capitale nationale, qui permet la coordination opérationnelle efficace et en temps opportun entre tous les partenaires de sécurités et de l'application de la loi.

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- La GRC surveille de près la situation et nous sommes en état de préparation continuel, et a des ressources flexibles qui sont disponibles au besoin.

- Pour de plus amples questions liées aux plans opérationnels et d'exécution pour les démonstrations, veuillez communiquer avec le Service de Police d'Ottawa.

PROTECTIVE MANDATE

- In addition to the RCMP support being provided to the Ottawa Police, and in keeping with our primary, protective mandate, we continue to focus on safeguarding the various Canadian dignitaries who fall under the RCMP's purview. This includes the Prime Minister and his family, and the Governor General, as well as their official residences and designated sites in the National Capital Region.

- We are constantly reviewing and assessing our security measures, which are based on ongoing threat and risk assessments. The RCMP's protective posture is always ready to adapt and is scalable to ensure that an adequate level of protection is in place at all times for those we protect.

MANDAT DE PROTECTION

- En plus de l'appui de la GRC envers la Police d'Ottawa, et conformément à notre mandat premier de protection, nous continuerons à nous concentrer sur la protection de différents dignitaires Canadiens qui relèvent de la compétence de la GRC. Ceci comprend le Premier ministre et sa famille, la Gouverneure Générale, en plus de leurs résidences officielles et de sites désignés de la région de la Capitale nationale.

- Nous étudions et révisons continuellement nos mesures de sécurité, qui sont fondés sur des évaluations des risques et des menaces. La posture protectrice de la GRC est toujours prête à s'adapter et est flexible afin d'assurer qu'un niveau de protection adéquat soit en place en tout temps pour ceux que nous protégeons.

ON ARTICLE 9 REQUEST TO RE-DEPLOY RESOURCES IN ALBERTA

- As a result of the ongoing blockade near the Coutts land border crossing, the Acting Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta has declared an emergency as per the Police Service Agreement.

- Article 9.2 of the Police Service Agreements has been invoked to allocate additional resources to alleviate the extraordinary demand on the RCMP as the Provincial Police Service in Alberta, as a result of the ongoing blockade near the Coutts land border crossing.

- One of the benefits of the Police Service Agreements is that additional resources can be requested and temporarily deployed from across the country when there is an urgent and often unforeseen policing requirement such as the recent protest.

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- The provisions of the Police Service Agreements provide surge capacity to meet extraordinary policing requirements that are beyond the normal day-to-day level of policing requirements.

Transport Canada (TC)

Vaccine Mandate

- Vaccination, used in combination with preventative public health measures, is the most effective tool to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for Canadians, and to protect public health.
- The vaccine mandate that came into effect in October, has helped protect transportation workers from the impacts of Omicron by reducing the frequency and severity of the COVID-19 illness. This has helped protect supply chains from being disrupted by ensuring safer workplaces and a more resilient workforce.
- The majority of truckers have made the right choice and are vaccinated. They are essential to keeping our supply chains moving – and they are doing so each and every day.
- Ensuring that essential consumer goods reach Canadian households as efficiently as possible, and that food, medicine and other critical supplies are accessible to all who need them, is of the utmost priority for the Government of Canada.

Protests

- Participating in lawful protests is a fundamental right in Canada. Breaking the law is not.
- Blockades are making Canadians feel threatened in their homes and communities. They are preventing goods from crossing the Canada-U.S. border, impeding key trade activities. They are also forcing some factories to down tools and send workers home. They are interfering with their ability to earn a living and access essential goods, including food from grocery stores.
- Those involved in these blockades and breaking multiple provisions of each of the following:
    - municipal bylaws
    - The provincial Highway Traffic Act
    - *Criminal Code of Canada*
- Mischief, intimidation, obstructing police efforts, unnecessary use of horns, traffic infractions – these, and many other violations, are all punishable by law with fines in the thousands of dollars, permanent records of criminal convictions, and even jail time.
- The vehicles used in the blockades are subject to seizure and being impounded by the police for an extended period of time, and may even be subject to forfeiture.
- Truck owners could be subject to the loss of their Commercial Vehicle Operators License and/or their insurance due to multiple convictions under *Highway Traffic Act* and the *Criminal Code* involving the use of their vehicle in an illegal blockade.
- All of these convictions and fines and forfeitures of assets are subject to due process of course in the courts and by provincial regulatory authorities.
- To be clear: it is illegal to block highways and city streets and hold the livelihood of your fellow citizens ransom.
- The authorities who uphold the law are empowered to make arrests, lay charges and pursue enforcement action vigorously. Anyone who continues these illegal activities should consider themselves warned of the consequences.

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- But we truly prefer it prefer it not come to that. So we urge protestors to understand what is at stake. For the sake of your own safety, your economic well-being, and your ability to earn a livelihood with your commercial vehicle…. we ask you to go home now.

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